

## MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

July 25, 2019

Special Thanks to our State Representative Jamie Callendar who presented the City of Willoughby Hills with a commendation of congratulations on 65 years as a City. I will get the commendation framed and make it available for viewing by our residents.

Updates on:

Paving in the glen

Dodd Road Stabilization Project & Road Resurfacing

Police Update:

Have completed the SGT interviews and have offered the position to Police Officer Henry Boepple. He will be sworn in tomorrow.

The work on the substation is complete and the substation is now open. Chief Collins is planning for an official ribbon cutting, probably next week.

There was a good resolution to the recent domestic event at Willoughby Hills Towers and we continue to pray for the victims who are recovering in the hospital.

Todd Cipollo has been sworn in as City Prosecutor to replace Michael Germano who resigned last month. I know he will do a good job for us.

Once again, I would request Council follow up on my ordinance requests for Campbell Park and Grange security to move that legislation forward to be in compliance. Changes that were made when transferring our Dispatch Center to the EOC has necessitated these changes and the ordinances need to reflect that.

Produce Packaging:

The signed CRA has been provided to them and they will be moving forward on the next step with the State of Ohio Director of Development.

Shell Station:

The station opened back up today about 1pm and looks great!

The BAT Team has not met since recently but continues to work together to compile a business listing.

Administration continues to work on the Employee Handbook and most recently received information from PEP, our insurance carrier, on FREE assistance on this project. We will follow their advice for a nice, acceptable product and present to Council when complete. Again, I do not support tonight's Ordinance 2019-54 for an outside vendor to charge us over \$6000 to prepare an Employee Handbook when our Insurance Carrier has advised us of their tool to assist our staff in preparing a policy guide at no cost to our residents, other than the time allocated to preparation of it, which will not compare to the rate quoted by the professional vendor.

#### WHISPER:

Following the Ohio Auditor's report of "unfounded" allegations with our WHISPER Program, I have presented Council, the Law Director, and Safety Department Heads, with a "WHISPER Guidelines and Procedures" manual which serves to cover the concerns identified by Council during the recent investigations. I have presented it to Council and expect that it will serve to allow the program to be reopened for our senior residents as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Councilman Chris Hallum for making a pitch over home plate at our WH Day at Classic Park. Thanks to all who participated.

Sympathies to the family of Marjory Slater, a long-time Willoughby Hills resident who passed away this week.

I support the legislation this evening to include:

- 1) Fixing the salary & compensation for the position of the Full-time Assistant Finance Director.
- 2) Annual Uniform Allowance amendments for our Fire Department.
- 3) Accepting the bid of Karvo Companies, Inc. for the Dodd Road Resurfacing project.
- 4) Authorizing the renewal with amendments to the ComDoc copiers and printers lease.

- 5) The resolution to administratively document the contract rate amendment for the trash and recycle contract with BFI (Republic Services).

I also requested legislation that did not make tonight's written agenda, but I hope for tonight's consideration to include:

Allowing a 2014 Dodge Charger to be auctioned at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) since we have exhausted all efforts on the Public Surplus internet auction site.

Declaring a second PD vehicle surplus and allowing us to put it on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) as well.

Allowing the City to Opt In to the 2019 ODOT Bridge Inspection program. This was requested by our City Engineer and will allow us to proceed with our annual inspections.

#### Upcoming Events:

First Covenant Church – Classic Car Show – Saturday, July 27 9am to 3pm

Citywide Garage Sale – Saturday, August 3, 2019

Remember to Vote – Willoughby-Eastlake School levy is the only item on the ballot at all of the usual voting locations on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.